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Communications Assistance for	j j			
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Revenue Estimates of	ý			
Five Manufacturers	)			

## COMMENTS OF SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

SBC Communications Inc., on its behalf and on behalf of its subsidiaries, ("SBC") strongly contends that the costs associated with CALEA implementation are a valid consideration of the Commission in determining the technical industry standard. For this reason, SBC commends the Commission in seeking to develop reliable cost estimates associated with the implementation of J-STD-025 and the additional "punchlist" items sought by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation ("DOJ/FBI").

As the Commission acknowledges in its Public Notice, released in this proceeding on May 7, 1999, it is difficult at this time to accurately determine the costs which are likely to be expended in the telecommunications industry's compliance efforts. However, it is clear that the cost estimates quoted by the Commission are far lower than the costs which will actually be incurred. Indeed, the Commission's industry-wide estimates are less than the combined cost estimates provided by two local exchange carriers - SBC's costs as stated below and the estimates which have been provided by Bell South. 1 The five manufacturers which provided the data which forms the basis for

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the Public Notice's costs estimates are not representative of the full range of manufacturers whose products will be deployed. Moreover, to the extent that the Commission's cost estimates relate solely to software and do not reflect associated hardware costs, the estimates are grossly understated. CALEA capability is more than just a software solution.

In addition, the capacity provisioning costs which will be incurred do not appear to have been included in any of the estimates. Such costs are implicit in CALEA implementation. For example, the "in-band and out-of-band signaling" capability sought by the DOJ/FBI is estimated by the Commission to cost \$27 million for wireline implementation. Yet, implementation as envisioned by several manufacturers will require the extension of a full-time Call Content Channel for every pen register surveillance. This feature alone would increase required capacity tenfold. The effect of this needed capacity demand within SBC would likely exceed the industry total estimate of \$27 million advanced by the Commission.

A further cost consideration is the accelerated scheduling of generic deployment required for the implementation of CALEA software. This deployment also necessitates the installment of CALEA capability gating hardware, such as new processor and line units and memory cards. Currently, with regard to one manufacturer, SBC anticipates it will be required to deploy 900 generic upgrades, as well as associated gating hardware.

Moreover, the timeframe in which CALEA compliant products will be made available by manufacturers could increase manpower demands by compressing the time in which a carrier must deploy the products to meet the current June 30, 2000, compliance deadline. For example, SBC has been informed that one manufacturer will not have a commercially available CALEA compliant product until the first quarter of the year 2000. It generally requires 12 to 18 months to deploy a new generic. In order to even attempt to meet the current June 30, 2000 deadline, additional manpower will have to be assigned and trained.

While certain of these costs are still the subject of negotiation with various manufacturers, SBC, to the best of its current knowledge, estimates that the cost to implement J-STD-025 in its wireline companies<sup>2</sup> is approximately \$326,000,000.<sup>3</sup> With regard to the implementation of this standard with respect to its wireless companies, the cost estimate is approximately \$37,200,000. Correspondingly, the implementation of CALEA with the inclusion of the DOJ/FBI "punchlist" items is estimated to be approximately \$340,000,000 for the SBC wireline companies alone. Unfortunately, a reliable estimate of the costs of implementation of the "punchlist" items in the SBC wireless companies is not available. The estimated costs SBC has developed include the expense for CALEA software, activation fees, manufacturer engineering and installation fees, gating hardware costs and the required advancement of generic upgrades. They also reflect a conversion schedule for attempted CALEA compliance by June 30, 2000. It is believed that these estimates are likely to increase, rather than decrease, as outstanding matters are resolved.

This estimate includes the costs to implement this standard in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, Nevada Bell and Southern New England Telephone Company.

The cost estimates being provided do not include any overhead costs nor do they include any monthly recurring costs.

## CONCLUSION

SBC applauds the Commission's attempt to identify, to the greatest extent possible, the costs associated with the interim industry standard and the additional "punchlist" items sought by the DOJ/FBI. While recognizing that the data currently available is in certain respects speculative, as the cost estimates of SBC illustrate, the estimates contained in the Public Notice are significantly understated. SBC strongly urges the Commission to consider such costs in determining the appropriate industry technical standard.

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